

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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*Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 167 North Sunnyvale Avenue

P1. Other Identifier: None

*P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

*a. County Santa Clara

and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad Mountain View Date Photorevised 1980 T 6S; R 2W; B.M. Mt. Diablo

c. Address 167 North Sunnyvale Road City Sunnyvale Zip 94086

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone 10S; 586057mE/ 4137429mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Assessor's Parcel Number: 204-49-008

*P3a Description: (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

The site at 167 North Sunnyvale Avenue is located north of Evelyn Avenue on the west side of the street. The extant house is set in the center of a lot narrower than its neighbors. A detached garage, which appears original to the development of the site, is located to the rear of the residence. This residence is a single-story, wood-framed house with a moderately pitched, cross-gabled roof. It is a simple hybrid of English Tudor Revival and Spanish Eclectic designs. The plan of the house is L-shaped. The eaves are very shallow especially on the gabled ends of the roof. Plain vergeboards are located at the gable ends of the house. An arched vent is located under the gable end on the front façade. Detailing is located above the windows on the front façade. The exterior of the building is stucco. The front gable is flared over the front entry porch. A wing wall is located on the front façade at the northeast corner. An arched entry in the wall allows access to the side yard. The front entry is located under an arched porch. The front door is solid wood with a single-lite. The majority of the windows are four-over-one double-hung wood sash, located on the sides and rear of the house. Some of the front windows are multi-lite with a craftsman influenced patterning in groups of three. One group of windows on the front façade has been replaced with a fixed pane flanked by aluminum sliders. The exterior of the building appears generally unaltered with the exception of a couple of window replacements.

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*P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP 2 Single family property

*P4 Resources Present: ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)

View from east, Oct 2001

*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:

☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both

c1926/Deeds

*P7. Owner and Address:

Donald E Koreski, Trustee
Estate of F.J. Miller
c/o Lynn Miller
22065 Lippencott
Burney, CA 96013

*P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)

Dill Design Group
110 N Santa Cruz Ave
Los Gatos CA 95030

*P9. Date Recorded: 10/26/01

*P10. Survey Type: (Describe) Intensive

*P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none".)

Historical and Architectural Evaluation for two Residential Buildings Located at 161 and 167 north Sunnyvale Avenue, Dill Design Group, October 25, 2001.

*Attachments: NONE ☐ Location ☐ Map ☐ Sketch Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure and Object Record ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling State Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List)

DPR 523A (1/95)

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***Resource Name or #** (Assigned by recorder) 167 North Sunnyvale Avenue

B1. Historic Name: Wanderer House

B2. Common Name: None

B3. Original use: Single family residence **B4. Present Use:** Single family residence

***B5. Architectural Style:** English Tudor with Spanish Eclectic influence

***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Built c1926.

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: n/a Original Location: n/a

***B8. Related Features:**

Detached garage

B9a Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

***B10. Significance:** Theme Architecture and Shelter Area Sunnyvale

Period of Significance	1926-1961	Property Type	Residential	Applicable Criteria	None
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(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

Henry G. and Edna Wanderer purchased the land from the Bertha and Arthur E. Bessey in 1926 and built the house that occupies the site at 167 North Sunnyvale Avenue today. It has been reported that it was one of the first electrified houses in the city (Peterson, 2000). In 1923, Henry Wanderer had established Wanderer Electric, Incorporated, an electrical contracting business and supplies shop on Murphy Avenue in Sunnyvale. He was a well-known merchant in that community and was associated with that firm until his death in 1977. In addition to membership in local chapters of the Rotary and Masonic Lodge, Henry Wanderer belonged to the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the Sainte Claire Club of San José (*San Jose Mercury*, 1977). He was on the board of directors of the Santa Clara County Fair Association and had served on the county grand jury. In 1939, the Henry and Edna Wanderer bought the lot next door, the subject property at 161 North Sunnyvale Avenue that had also formerly been owned by the Besseys.

The property was then sold to William T. "Billy" and Etral Wetterstrom in 1961. The Wetterstroms, who had come to Sunnyvale in 1917, were also well known in the Sunnyvale community. In 1925, Billy Wetterstrom opened a barbershop on Murphy Avenue that was in operation at that location for the next forty years. Billy Wetterstrom was the assistant chief of Sunnyvale's Volunteer Fire Department. In addition to providing defense against fires, the department contributed significantly to the community of Sunnyvale. They sponsored family events, decorated the main streets for holidays, and staged parades. When a paid fire department was established in the early 1950's, there was strong opposition to the paid force in the city, including from Billy Wetterstrom.

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B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) None

***B12. References:**

Ignoffo, Mary Jo, 1994, *Sunnyvale, From the City of
Destiny to the Heart of Silicon Valley*. Cupertino:
California History Center, De Anza College.

Peterson, Kay., 2000, *Sunnyvale Collage II*.

Sunnyvale Standard, 1923 Blossom Edition

Sunnyvale, 1979, Cultural Resources Inventory

Sunnyvale City Directories 1962-1968

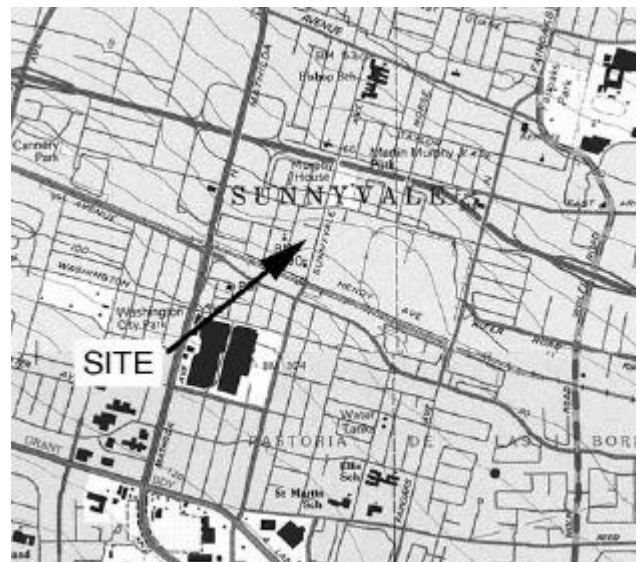
(See report for full listing of references)

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: Amber Grady

*Date of Evaluation: October 25, 2001

(This space reserved for official comments.)



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*Recorded by A.Grady

*Date October 26, 2001

☒ Continuation ☐ Update

***P3a Description: (Continued from Page 1)**

The majority of the interior detailing appears to be original to the house; moldings and picture railings are intact and consistent throughout except for the kitchen. The kitchen appears to have been totally remodeling c1960. Unique light fixtures can be found in the bathroom and master bedroom. The bathroom has two banks of lights over the sink area metal framed with a textured cover. The living room has a vaulted ceiling and the dining room and bedrooms have coved ceilings.

***B10. Significance:(Continued from Page 2)**

Etral Wetterstrom died in 1966; Billy Wetterstrom died in 1983. The heirs to the Wetterstrom estate sold the home at 167 North Sunnyvale to former Sunnyvale City Council Member and Mayor Donald E. Koreski and his business partner, the former Assistant City Manager, F. James Miller. From the time of this ownership, the house has been rental property.